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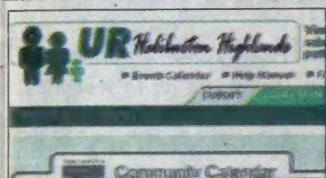
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Lack of remorse leads to jail time

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The last stage of a two-year legal saga between John Clayton, the Dorset postmaster, and a friend he was convicted of sexually assaulting came to a close on Wednesday when Clayton was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a year of probation.

As has been standard in the Dorset community, a large group of supporters filled the Minden courtroom behind Clayton as his lawyer, Denis Lowry, tried to persuade Justice Lorne Chester to give his client a conditional sentence served in the community.

Lowry focused on the isolated nature of the crime, telling the court that Clayton is not dangerous, is well educated and respected by the community and presented reference letters.

"The effect of the charge and conviction: it's been devastating for both [Clayton's] physical and mental health," Lowry said.

He told the court of how Clayton drove his truck from the top of the Dorset tower before his conviction and how he has suffered from great depression. Lowry said that jail time would not help this case, since Clayton had obviously already been punished through his conviction.

"The message has been received and understood," he said.

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Jenn Watt/TIMES

A Valentine shave

It's been decades since anyone has seen Neil Campbell without facial hair. But as he explains in his column, he had his moustache shaved off as a Valentine's Day present. Was his gesture appreciated? Find out on page 7.

Affordable housing hard to find

Second in a series on poverty
in the Highlands.

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Housing is scarce in Haliburton County. Affordable housing for low-income earners is even more scarce.

Even though it is one of life's essentials – food, clothing, shelter – making sure that everyone has somewhere suitable to live is not always a priority to government

and society.

In Minden, as of 2006, there were 75 subsidized housing units for seniors and singles to rent. There were 20 units for families. At the time statistics were collected, 15 families were on the wait list for subsidized housing and the average wait time was between one and three years.

While on the wait list, people have to find other accommodations. And a lot can happen to someone in three years while

waiting for an affordable apartment.

According to a new report from the Health Unit, "Child poverty: A problem we cannot afford," the average cost of rent for a three-bedroom apartment in the unit's region is \$1,063 a month. Add utilities onto that at \$250, and telephone at \$50 and quickly an apartment for a family of four (or three) becomes unaffordable for a minimum-wage earner.

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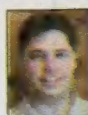
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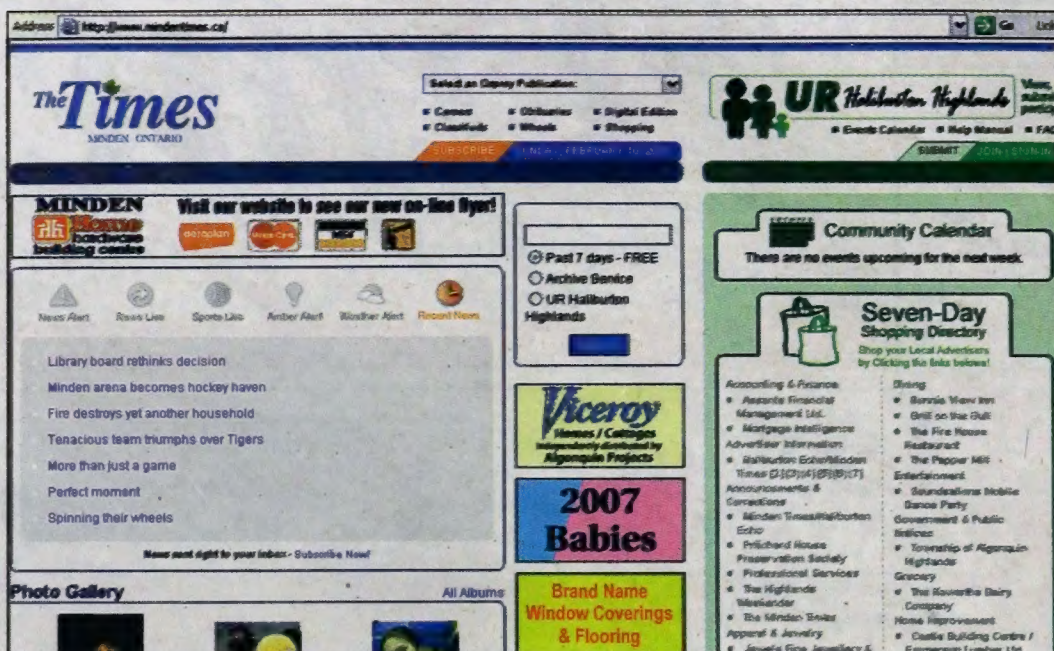
Community is invited to be part of new Times website

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

Yes, it's true, our new and improved website is finally up and running!

Last week both the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo* launched brand new websites that finally bring us up to speed with the tech-savvy world of the 21st century.

Those of you who have visited the sites already will have noticed that we kept all of the same features as our old site, but have added some new and exciting features that we are eager to make use of in the coming weeks and months.



For one, we are happy to finally have the capabilities to post photo galleries and videos to compliment our online news coverage. In some cases, the photo galleries will also allow us to post even more photos than we already publish in our newspaper from the great events happening all across Haliburton County.

We also have a new system that allows readers to sign up for e-mail alerts any time there is breaking news happening across the county. In the future, we are hoping to bring you even better coverage of breaking news as it happens, and this feature will let you know the second a new story has been posted.

Perhaps most exciting, however, is our new community

section called "UR Haliburton Highlands." This brand new feature, hosted on both the *Times* and *Echo* websites, opens the doors for you – the readers – to share and participate in our news coverage. By signing up as a registered user, you will be able to post your own articles and stories, add events to the community calendar, participate in message board discussions, and share your own photos and videos from events both big and small.

The new UR section, found at the right hand side of the screen, is a huge leap forward in the way that our websites will share information with readers. And while our website will never replace our newspaper, we are eager to see this new feature introduced and hope that you make the best of it.

Already there are UR categories set aside for sports groups, churches, volunteer organizations, schools, and entertainment listings. So if you're a member of a community group, church, charity or committee, or a bowling league, band, book club or board of directors, sign up today and start sharing your events with the rest of the county!

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First you have the rent. Then you have utilities on top of that. The average person working in the Highlands can afford to pay \$640 a month for housing expenses.

Highlands paycheque doesn't go very far

Even if people can find a place to rent, the cost is often higher than people are able to pay

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"The rents are really, really high," said Robbin Savage, who works for the John Howard Society of Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes.

"Most of the landlords now won't put utilities in. Those are over and above the rent. So you have say \$800 for rent, plus, plus, plus, plus," she said.

"They're on a limited income and it's costing them over \$1,500 with all of the utilities. We have a real shortage of affordable housing throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County," she said.

The general rule when it comes to what is "affordable" in housing is that no one should spend more than 30 per cent of her monthly income on housing. If it's over 30 per cent, it's unaffordable.

"One-fifth of Canadians lived in households spending more than the affordability benchmark in any one year between 2002 and 2004," says a new study by Statistics Canada called "The dynamics of housing affordability."

The study followed those paying rent, mortgage or with no mortgage over three years to find trends in Canadians who spend more on housing than they have in the bank.

It found that although both rich and poor would at times spend more than the benchmark 30 per cent, it was far more likely that poor people would be stuck overspending on housing.

"Nearly 58 per cent of people in the lowest income group lived in households spending more than the affordability benchmark," the study found.

It is also far more common for renters to pay out more than the benchmark than owners. Women living alone and single mothers also pay a larger part of their monthly income on housing than others.

Women's housing dilemma

Darlene Smith-Harrison is the outreach services coordinator for the YWCA for Haliburton County. Part of what her organization does is help women who have left violent situations find new places to live. In some cases, the women who come to the YWCA do not have sufficient income to house themselves and their children.

"It's extremely difficult to find decent affordable housing," Smith-Harrison said.

"Women are most often the primary caregivers of children and have greater family responsibility."

Even in cases where the women her organization helps are doing well financially, eliminating the income of a partner can make things harder. So when the women who leave are poor already, the housing market's steep prices do nothing to help.

"For women leaving a violent situation, it's automatically a drop in household income," she said.

Smith-Harrison noted that women in Canada still earn only \$0.70 to a man's \$1. And the 2001 Census statistics for Minden back her up.

The average earnings of all men working full-time for the whole year in 2001 was \$35,273. For women who worked full-time for the full year, it was \$24,111. That's \$0.69 a woman makes for every \$1 a man does.

When those numbers are translated into rent, utilities, clothing and food for children, it doesn't go very far.

What is affordable?

The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing released numbers on what the cost of an affordable house would be for different income groups. For someone living on \$26,000 a year (\$2,000 more than the average income of a woman working full-time, full-year in Haliburton) the affordable house would be \$88,000.

If that same person was renting, \$640 would be the affordable monthly rent. According to the same survey, in October 2005, Haliburton County's average rent for a one-bedroom apartment was \$687.

That doesn't leave many options for low-income renters. Stats Canada recorded 285 rented dwellings in Minden Hills for 2006 out of 2,385 total dwellings. Of those 285, 95 are subsidized.

Even for those who don't need subsidized housing, the number of units available for rent is so marginal that there's very little choice.

"We have a real shortage of affordable housing throughout the city [of Kawartha Lakes] and Haliburton County. We just don't have the stock," said Savage.

Why it matters

Lisa Tolentino is a community activator for Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition. She lives in Kinmount

and describes Haliburton County as a relatively healthy community in her region of Central Ontario.

But she said that those who don't have a choice of where to live are disproportionately exposed to environments that risk their health unnecessarily.

"Often people don't think about things like the quality of the air we breathe or the water we drink [as health determinants]. Typically, people who live in poverty have greater risks of exposure, whether it be in their working conditions or their living conditions," Tolentino said.

If poor people are unable to choose a healthy living environment (which includes housing), they access health-care services more often, can't work as effectively and earn less.

"Often [poor people's] housing is inadequate and there are all kinds of issues related to air quality. Everything from noise to how well-insulated your residence is," she said.

"If you're a tenant, not having control over your space, then obviously these things are more broad than economic resources or income levels. Typically, things like social assistance benefits don't provide adequate income to meet basic needs such as shelter, food and clothing," she said.

The Health Unit's report echoes that assertion. A single mom on Ontario Works (a government workfare program) will receive \$571 plus a \$595 shelter allowance. She will also receive some financial supplements for her children, but according to the unit's calculations, after food and shelter is taken off, there is less than nothing left.

Savage thinks that more subsidized housing would help the situation.

The Stats Canada report agrees.

"The probability ... of spending above the benchmark [30 per cent of income] is even lower for subsidized renters at one in eighteen," says the study.

The median percentage of income spent on rent by those subsidized was 26 per cent. For those renting at market rates it was 22.5 per cent and for owners paying mortgages the median percentage was 19.6.

"While it may seem counterintuitive that subsidized renters have higher shelter-cost-to-income ratio than market renters, they would be much higher without rent subsidies," the study explains. "If subsidized renters had paid the median market rent of \$8,300 rather than their subsidized rents, their median shelter-cost-to-income ratio would have been 42 per cent instead of 26 per cent."

Next week this series will continue with an article on employment and income in Haliburton County.

Unexpected provincial rules delay landfill expansion

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 7 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

The Maple Lake landfill expansion has hit a snag, Cambium consultant John Desbiens told council. The Ministry of the Environment wants an environmental assessment and Environmental Protection Act approval at the same time, which was unexpected. Monitoring wells around the site also need to be installed. Desbiens told council that the additional paperwork would only hold up the process by seven weeks and wouldn't cost anything extra.

New Buckslide bridge

Buckslide Dam Bridge has been reduced to one lane while the municipality searches for the funds to repair or replace it. Funding has been requested from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for \$1.15 million and results of the application will be announced March 31.

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Algonquin Highlands

increasing hangar rental rates for the Stanhope Airport by three per cent for 2008. Manager John Packer noted in his staff report that rates had not increased in three years. Intent to increase fees requires public notice, so council could not vote on the issue at the meeting.

Hangar fees

Council briefly discussed

Community's ribbon campaign seen as act of intimidation

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Crown attorney Rick Bagg disagreed and said that Clayton obviously had no remorse for what he had done because he encouraged a yellow ribbon campaign in support of his innocence, despite being convicted, and had done very little to stop community members from harassing the victim and her husband.

"It is the Crown's position this court must bring the message home ... This kind of inappropriate behaviour be denounced and deterred," Bagg said.

Clayton was found guilty of sexual assault. It was alleged by the victim that Clayton groped her in the Dorset post office where he worked.

In her impact statement, the victim said the assault has led to depression.

"I had trusted John [Clayton] and he had taken advantage of that trust. I knew many people wouldn't believe me," she said.

She told the court she had been harassed by members of the Dorset community ever since reporting the assault to police. A yellow ribbon campaign in support of Clayton had been taken up in town and ribbons had been attached to her mailbox, she said. There was also a benefit dance for him. She labelled these acts intimidation.

"I don't want to live here anymore," she said.

During court proceedings there were two outbursts from the audience and both people were ejected from the courtroom.

"What concerns me is ... those letters demonstrate an inciting of the community," Justice Chester told the defence.

"[There's the] impression it was a hug and only a hug. Where is the correction? The attempt to correct the situation?" he asked.

Chester took 15 minutes in chambers to decide the sentence.

"I'm sentencing Mr. Clayton for sexual assault, not a hug," Justice Chester said. "It went beyond a hug."

The judge also chided the Dorset community for sticking yellow ribbons to the victim's house.

"It's despicable that people would put yellow ribbons on her house. That's a despicable act," he said.

Justice Chester said he balanced the likelihood that the assault was an isolated act with the lack of remorse or sense of responsibility by Clayton.

"A conditional sentence would not meet the objectives of general deterrence or denunciation," he said.

Clayton was immediately escorted out of the courtroom by OPP officers.

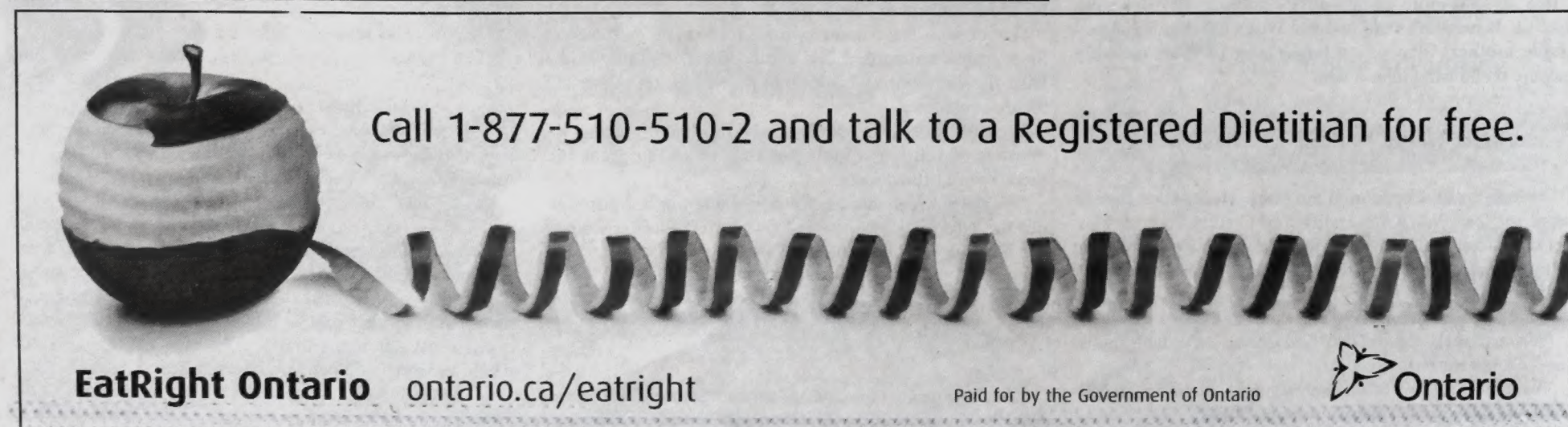


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New nursing station

After a brief disruption to the flow of the emergency room, the nurses' station at the Minden hospital has been renovated to ensure greater patient and staff privacy and safety. Michelle St. Germain, R.N., left, and Keriann Griffin, an x-ray technician, check out some files at their new headquarters. A provincial program called the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund funded the \$50,000 in renovations. Haliburton hospital is soon to follow with similar changes in March.

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Hyland Crest fire quickly contained

Staff respond quickly, residents suffer no injuries

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

A small electrical fire broke out in the kitchen of Hyland Crest last week but fortunately there were no injuries.

Cathy Outram, CFO for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said the fire started around 5:20 p.m. last Wednesday and was given the "all clear" by the Minden Hills fire department by 6 p.m.

The statement credits HHSS staff for handling the situation calmly, including manager of food services Kimberley

Hicks, manager of environmental services Peter Fearrey, and all maintenance staff, who were called in to assist.

Many staff members remained on site or came in to assist with security, organize cleanup efforts, and to call the families of Hyland Crest residents to ensure the residents' safety and well being.

A contract cleanup crew arrived on site around 9 p.m. to begin the cleanup process, and alternate menu services were provided to residents until the kitchen was back in order.

Accident leads to impaired driving charge

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment have charged a driver after receiving a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Hwy 118 west of the Bobcaygeon Road last Wednesday morning.

The call was placed shortly after 7 a.m.

Police arrested a 38-year-old Hamilton man at the scene and charged him with impaired driving.

The man's blood-alcohol count was reported as exceeding 80 mgs.

The man will appear in Minden court on April 2 in relation to the charges.

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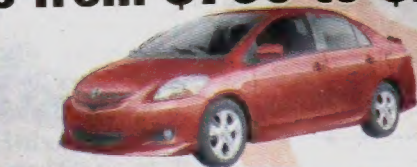
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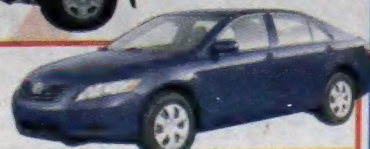
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Justice not simple

NO ONE WILL BE HAPPY with this week's coverage of the sentencing of Dorset's postmaster John Clayton. It's been a highly-charged issue in Dorset, whose residents have shown Clayton overwhelming support ever since he was charged with sexual assault after a woman, who was a friend, said that he turned a consensual hug into sexual touching.

After he charge was laid, Clayton tried to commit suicide. He drove his truck off a hill at the Dorset tower but was rescued by two inmates of a nearby correctional institute who were working at the site.

As Clayton lay in a hospital bed trying to recover from his physical and psychological wounds, the community began a yellow ribbon campaign. Throughout the village they tied yellow ribbons; the ribbons were everywhere on the day he came home, with a huge welcome sign strung across the Dorset bridge.

These ribbons were not a statement that the village condones sexual assault.

Dorset residents were not saying that it's okay to touch someone in an unwelcome way. They were not saying whether Clayton was guilty or innocent. Instead, the yellow ribbons were a symbol of compassion.

The community wanted Clayton to know that he was loved and liked.

At a time when he was exceptionally vulnerable, they wanted him to know that no matter what happened, he would be accepted back into the community. He would not have to wear a scarlet letter.

This is such a horrible, horrible situation.

There are no winners or losers.

Whatever the outcome of the trial, everyone has lost something. Everyone in that courthouse was depressed.

The yellow ribbon campaign mounted by the community was viewed as intimidation.

Should Dorset be blamed for wanting to find a way to tell a friend that he was loved? Should people have remained silent rather than appear to take sides?

Dorset has a reputation for rallying behind a cause, as the school board discovered when it closed the Dorset school and county council more recently discovered when it tried to close the Dorset library.

Dorset has heart. Dorset embraces the connections between its residents. Dorset copes with the grays in what others try to paint as a black and white world.

Dorset should never change.

Martha Perkins



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Dorset Snowball '07

Photo by Casey Lessard

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Another great derby

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Matt James and the *Times* for the excellent article that was published about Maria and our dogsleding activities prior to the Haliburton Dogsled Derby.

We've had many inquiries as to how she did at the race.

For those who were wondering, Maria and Lightning won! We also had two other entries in the kid and mutt class who ran well, and an entry in the youth class that also ran well.

I would like to say thank you to Logan McCready-Debruin for exhibiting excel-

lent sportsmanship in the youth race, by declining to make a pass in favour of safety.

Thanks also to all the race organizers, officials and volunteers for another great Derby. It was a great start to Maria's race season.

Next we'll be heading to Kearney, Bancroft, Cannington and Apsley.

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Passing THE TEST

VALentine's DAY – the only holiday named after a massacre – is rapidly approaching once again. This, despite the fact that it's a leap year.

For many men, this is a special day, a time to rekindle the old flame. After all, fire-making skills are particularly important when you are locked out of the house in February.

The truth is that most men I know are suspect about this holiday. I think that this is because of the name.

Honestly, Valentine's Day sounds effeminate when compared to more manly holidays like Groundhog Day or Superbowl Sunday. That's why I propose that from now on we rename it THE TEST. By the way, capital letters are important if you're going to maintain male interest in this holiday. If we can somehow work in flames, racing stripes, NASCAR suits, helmets, announcers, and trophies, so much the better.

But even without all this fanfare, if past Valentines are any indication, there's good reason for renaming it THE TEST.

In a perfect world, men participating in THE TEST should be expected to collect gifts from the wilds for their loved one – that way women know we've put some effort into it. This is not as easy as it sounds; in fact, you need to be careful.

For instance, last year's moose antler key ring, though beautiful, was not practical in that it didn't fit in her pocket or purse – or car, unless you loaded it beside her on the front seat.

Even so, as long as her keys were attached to that beautifully palmated 54-inch rack, she never lost them. So at least the thought

behind it was correct.

Which brings me to another point – no matter what they say, it's not the thought that counts. Oh sure, they tell you it's the thought that counts but trust me it's not.

This is just one of the many important things I learned after presenting her with that key chain. In fact, during the subsequent quiet time I spent on the couch, I had time to think about this even more.

For instance, I've determined that most women do not appreciate any gift made of bone, antler, bark, animal scents, or unprocessed hides. This does not leave us with many choices.

But that's what makes THE TEST so challenging.

Anyone can saunter into the store and

buy chocolates, roses, and a card. On the other hand, it takes real nerve to buy your sweetheart a fillet knife and cleaning board. Add a couple of pike to practise on and you've got a gift she'll be telling her friends about for quite a while.

If you really want to thrill her you might – and, trust me, this is extravagant – get her an industrial grade fish gutting glove and apron – the kind made of chain mail or Kevlar.

I bet the look on her face as she grips that fillet knife and dons the apron will be one you'll remember for as long as you live. And when you hand her the pike and cleaning board, well, between you and me, dinner just might end prematurely so that you can get right down to the important matters.

That's right, showing her how to fillet around the Y-bones.

THE TEST, now that's a holiday I can get excited about...



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Losing an old friend

WHAT DO YOU GIVE to a woman who has everything? Your moustache.

Let your eyes wander a little to the right on this page and admire the hedgerow that adorns my upper lip. Fondle it with your eyes; it is the last you will ever see of it.

All that is left of it is in Friday's sweepings from a hair salon, that being the only place a Minden man can have his tonsorial needs attended to without leaving town.

Time was, a man in need of a clean shave indulged in a hedonistic orgy of hot towels, lather and a straight razor in a parlour papered with hockey calendars and pinups.

Now it has come to this. No clean shaves here, says a woman with hair clippers. Be gentle with me, I implore her.

A quick buzz and all that is left of my straggly pride and joy is a stubble to be shaved away at home, the last remnants of it washed down the drain.

A Valentine's gift to a woman who thinks hair belongs on top of a man's head, not on the front of it. A bare lip will take

25 years off my face, she says, and when for once I pay attention to what she tells me, I catch her by surprise.

Now frost bite threatens my upper mouth flap every time I venture outdoors and a long dog walk leaves me with a stiff upper lip that would be the envy of the most repressed English upper-class twit.

For the first time in 30 years, the skin below my nose is barren. No longer will local yeomen clap me on the shoulder and remark, "How's it going, Jim?"

The reeve is on his own now, with no body-double to blame for his miscues. I wonder how long that voter in Moore Falls will wait for his culvert.

There should have been a memorial service of some kind. In good times and bad, that moustache and I were together for 30 years and more, longer than most marriages.

It was supposed to be a beard but a month without a razor left me with a soft down on my chin that looked as though it would take steroids to turn it into stubble. Only the moustache was a keeper.

It warmed my face in winter, bamboozled blackflies in spring, shaded my chin in summer and strained soup in autumn. Now it is but a memory; cue the organist for the Death March.

All of this in obedience to a law of nature discovered by the woman who did not like my moustache. That law says you can have hair on top of your head, or hair on your face – your choice.

The woman starts looking closely at

men purely in the interest of research, or so she says, though a man staring at women could never get away with that excuse. The rule is true, she says, except when it isn't. As in the case of the reeve.

Imagine stubble as the other end of the hairs growing out of the top of your head. Yank it hard and you have a beard but you're bald.

More research is required. Does Mother Nature offer proportionate responses? If a moustache is reduced to a David Niven sliver, does hair loss stop at a widow's peak? Will a goatee lead to a comb-over?

I apologize in advance for any consternation I may cause. Old friends will puzzle over the look of me, trying to figure out what has changed. Even The Brown Dog Jiggs is confused. Multiple viewings will be required to settle the question.

Even the woman is fooled by me at first. Looking good, she says, not once but several times, and then a look of astonished bewilderment, or bewildered astonishment, crosses her face.

She puts on her glasses for a closer inspection.

"What have you done?"

neilcampbell@xplornet.com



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Get out of the litter box

To the Editor:

I'm pleased to congratulate Tracey Pratt on her letter to the editor re: the cat bylaw in your January 23, 2008 edition.

Our former Prime Minister, the later Pierre Eliot Trudeau, once famously said that the government has no place in the bedrooms of the nation.

Well, I submit that our local elected

officials have no place in the kitty litter boxes of our homes.

You'd think they could find something more substantial to address.

Dwight Thomas
Minden

Minden lucky to have Muskies

To the Editor:

I'm thoroughly jealous that the Muskies are playing in Minden and I won't be able to see it. One of my favourite things to do as a reporter is cover local sports events. What an exciting event it will be when locals will be able to shine on their home turf.

Cheer on Mitch Vasey and Aaron Keaney. Spend the night out sipping hot

chocolate and watching some quality hockey (the only kind that exists in Haliburton County).

Go team.

Jessica Young
Former Times reporter

Campbell advises writers on 'grinding it out'

by PAULINE JOHNSON
Special to the Times

Writers in Haliburton County have many excellent role models, as well as R.D. Lawrence Place, to raise public awareness that writing is an art as well as a craft and there are many scribes of distinction in the Highlands community.

One of these is Neil Campbell, who eminently premiered this year's series of workshops sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. Fifteen participants crowded around one big table, hanging onto every word of Campbell's fascinating account of his life as a writer. As soon as he started to talk, smiles appeared. They lasted the entire evening, interrupted only by bursts of laughter and nods of acknowledgment at comments that resonated with their own experiences.

Campbell quipped, "Editor Martha Perkins gave me a great gift when she allowed me to write for her. She gave me perfect freedom. So long as I keep the two of us out of jail, I can write anything I want about any subject that interests me."

However, before attaining this freedom, Campbell paid his dues in the newspaper industry, working his way up as a reporter, primarily in the sports department for *Canadian Press* and *The Globe and Mail*.

"In the 21st century, no artist or craftsman can live a solitary life. We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us."

NEIL CAMPBELL

"The Brown Dog Jiggs is my editorial assistant. We take an early-morning walk, a mid-morning walk, an evening walk and a just-before-bed walk if the day is too busy for more walks than that. He chases squirrels and leaves scent markers while I worry over what I will write next week. I play with words and ideas in my mind until sometimes I am so preoccupied that a moose could be walking alongside me and I wouldn't even notice."

Campbell has great respect for writers of the human interest story, the best of whom "could make you weep with envy." Now, he says, "I like writing about the way I live and I love railing against hypocrisy and woolly thinking and authority's callousness and government's misunderstanding of life outside the cities and so many other things that get my dander up. But most people don't enjoy rants so I try to be gentle."

His advice to writers included many points, some of which were, "Whatever you have to write, get it done. That is the lesson I learned working for daily newspapers. When I was in the sports department of *The Globe and Mail*, we used to say you had to grind it out, which doesn't sound very artistic... But then, on his very best days, a newspaperman is a master craftsman, not an artist."

He claimed, "If you fully understand the story you are telling, it writes itself, once you have found a way to start it." However, he cautioned that an interesting hook is needed to lure the reader in.

In Campbell's estimation, deadlines are very important. "Forcing myself to write against a deadline concentrates my mind wonderfully," he said.

"In the 21st century, no artist or craftsman can live a solitary life. We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. And so we read a lot and steal a lot from other folks' techniques and, if we are lucky, gradually we find our own voices."

Those who attended all agreed, as they left, that they were very glad they had braved the elements to attend such an interesting and entertaining workshop — one in which they had an opportunity to create a community snapshot of a place like Sapsucker Ridge.



Jenna Watt/TIMES

Neil Campbell, *Times* columnist and former reporter at the *Canadian Press* and *The Globe and Mail*, started off the writer's workshop series at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Thursday.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on February 28, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 07-19

Applicant - **HURLEY: Sandra A.**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8730, registered January 25, 2008.

2. File No. 07-27

Applicant - **ALBER: Lawrence and Michelle**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8729, registered January 25, 2008.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of February, 2008.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM Planning Administrator

NOTICE

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Committee of the Whole/General Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14TH, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.

Pursuant to the Township's Procedural By-law, Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Special Council Meeting to be held following the Committee of the Whole/General Council Meeting.

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting is to consider: and ratify if accepted, the Collective Agreement between the Township of Minden Hills and CUPE Local 4286

a By-law re: Acquisition of Property

a motion re: Special Permission to sell alcohol (The Hub) - Family Day, February 18th, 2008

a By-law re: Ontario Infrastructure Investment Initiative - Application for a Grant - new Lutterworth Pines water system

Cheryl McCarroll, AMCT
Clerk

PLEASE NOTE:

CLEAR BAGS ARE NOW MANDATORY AT ALL MINDEN HILLS LANDFILLS

The Township of Minden Hills has been working very hard to encourage residents to divert recyclables in order to increase the life of our landfills. It is an enormous savings to you, the taxpayer, to lengthen the life of our sites, rather than go through the process of applying to the MOE to open a new site. We have now received final approval from the Ministry of the Environment to allow all residents of Minden Hills access to all of the Minden Hills landfill sites (current landfill cards accepted). Dates and times will remain the same at the respective landfill sites. Clear Bags are now mandatory at all Minden Hills Landfill sites with one free bag per week per household.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| Feb 14 | Deadline for Winterfest Minden photo contest |
| Feb 14 | Committee of the Whole - 9:00am, Council Chambers |
| Feb 16-18 | Winterfest Minden—Minden Community Centre & S.G. Nesbitt Arena |
| Feb 28 | Council - 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers |
| March 15 | Youth Saturday Art Clubx - Agnes Jamieson Gallery |

INTERIM TAX BILLS will be sent out at the end of February. *Interim taxes will be due in two instalments, March 20th, 2008 and May 16th, 2008.*

The interim newsletter will be provided with your interim tax bill and WE WOULD KINDLY ASK that you please contact us if your 911 address is not included with your mailing address on the interim tax bill either by telephone, fax (705) 286-6005 or email admin@mindenhills.ca.

Winterfest Minden February 16-18

Winterfest Saturday:
Minden Community Centre
Mini putt (for kids) • Frisbee Golf
• Outdoor Skating
FREE! 10am-4pm

Minden Cultural Centre • Photo Contest Viewing
FREE! 10am-5pm

Minden Fairgrounds

CASC 2008 Magnum Ice Races 9am start

Kids Fun Night 6:30pm start • Bonfire, food & fun!

Winterfest Sunday:

Minden Community Centre

Mini putt (for kids) • Frisbee Golf • Outdoor Skating
FREE! 10am-4pm

Kids Movie: Surf's Up—FREE! 4pm start

Chili Competition—\$5—5-7pm

Jr A Muskies vs Predators—\$10 adult \$8 kids—7pm

Movie: Assassination of Jesse James—\$3—7:30pm

Minden Fairgrounds

CASC 2008 Magnum Ice Races 12pm start

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The Chili Competition is a fundraiser for the Minden Sesquicentennial Planning Committee

Winterfest Monday:

Minden Community Centre

Pancake Breakfast—\$5—8:30-11am

Mini putt (for kids) • Frisbee Golf • Outdoor Skating
Photo Contest Viewing
FREE! 10am-6pm

Minnow Racing—\$1—9am

Try Broomball* (9yrs & under) 10am

Horse-drawn wagon rides 10:30am-2:30pm

Try Broomball* (10-14yrs) 11am

Bubble Gum Bubble Blowing Contest 12:30pm

Closest to the Flag 5-iron challenge 1:30pm

Storytelling around the Bonfire—various times

Try Broomball* (15yrs & older) 2:30 pm

* Indoor shoes and hockey helmet required.

Minden Fairgrounds

Ice Racing Demonstrations 10am start

Snow Driving lessons 10am start—sign up required

The Township of Minden Hills thanks the many volunteers helping make Winterfest Minden possible.

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LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY
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Tenders to be opened at 12:00 noon, on Monday February
18th, 2008

Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent (705) 286-3144

ATTENTION:

AGGREGATE SUPPLIERS

Interested in supplying aggregates to the
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for the 2008 year

Kindly forward a detailed price list indicating the various aggregate products to the Township of Minden Hills at above address in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent, clearly marked "Aggregate Prices", no later than Monday, February 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

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(Village of Minden), The Township of Minden was surveyed by
J.W. Fitzgerald in 1959 and contains 46,000 acres.**

Thieves break into St. Paul's Anglican Church

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

The Rev. Riscylla Shaw will not let a thief steal her faith in the community.

Some time between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday morning St. Paul's Anglican Church was broken into.

"We leave the church open so people can come and pray," she said Tuesday afternoon. "Even after this it's still

the right thing to do.

"We just trust the community because we know the church is a place of refuge in people's time of need."

She is grateful that whoever rifled through the church looking for something to steal didn't take any of the church's "holy hardware" or do any damage.

"They were clearly just looking for cash," she says, noting that the church never keeps any money on the premises.

Given inflation, however, the thieves were not interested in the church's penny collection and left the container of coppers alone.

In January, St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton and the West Guiford Baptist Church were also broken into during an apparent search for cash.

The OPP is asking that anyone with information on this incident call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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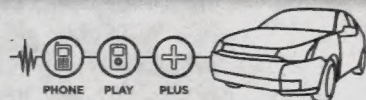
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Just this past September, Dale Bull joined the company bringing with her considerable knowledge and experience in residential and commercial lending. Dale's prior work experiences include residential and business lending at TD Canada Trust in Minden, General Manager of Wigamog Inn Resort and, together with her husband, owned and operated the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course.

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Fans treated to great hockey – and a little lovin'

Mitch Vasey gets marriage proposal

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The Lindsay Muskies drew a sizeable crowd of just under 300 at the Minden arena Saturday night for their 1-0 win against Quinte West Pack.

A cluster of fans came out specifically for Minden local Mitch Vasey, number 25, one sporting a "Marry Me 25" sign from the stands.



Jenn Watt/TIMES

When the municipal strike in the City of Kawartha Lakes shut down the Lindsay arena, the Lindsay Muskies brought their game to Minden on Saturday night. The Junior A team stars two players from Minden, Mitch Vasey and Aaron Keaney, who will be back on Minden ice on February 17 if the strike continues.

The junior A team had to relocate due to the Canadian Union of Public Employees strike in Kawartha Lakes and plans to continue playing all home games at the Minden arena.

Although a relatively sedate game, it was played mostly in the Pack's end with many scoring opportunities for the Muskies, but only one follow-through.

Ryan Oliver scored late in the first period with the only goal of the game. Pack hopes for a tie was quashed early in the third when referee Mark Sliwicz ruled that what looked like a goal was actually kicked in.



Was it the hockey that drew some of the fans, or player #25, Mitch Vasey of Minden?

Aaron Keaney, another Minden player for the Muskies, had the flu and sat the game out, said his father and Muskies co-owner, Mike Keaney.

Both Keaney and Vasey should be on the ice for the first game in the playoffs against the Port Hope Predators beginning Sunday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Minden arena.

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Red Hawks extinguish Campbellford Flames

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Red Hawks defenseman Steve Miscio had a hat trick and an assist, Josh Townsend had two goals and two assists, and Andi Donaldson had four assists in a 9-0 blowout win against the visiting Campbellford Flames at the Dysart arena on February 11.

The Flames were hot off the draw producing a couple of good scoring chances early in the game, but the Red Hawks out-sized and outplayed the competition in every aspect of the game.

Early in the first period the Flames were called for hooking and while the Red Hawks' first power play did not produce, it wasn't long before Derek Carpenter opened the scoring from Townsend and Donaldson.

While the Flames continued to get into penalty trouble they were able to kill the disadvantage. But the boys found the back of the net on the third penalty, this one for tripping, as Jesse Tallman managed to pot a rebound after Miscio pinched from the blue line and circled the net with a shot. The period ended with the Red Hawks up 2-0.

The second period mirrored the first: plenty of physical play by the Red Hawks, more penalties by the Flames, and a couple of goals by the Haliburton team. Miscio scored his first from Matt Eno, Tyler Watson added another after cleaning up a

rebound from an attempt by Donaldson.

Miscio must have eaten his Wheaties that morning as he looked like a seasoned veteran on the ice, showing poise with the puck. On one play he crossed the blue line on side and eluded a Flames player only after sliding the puck between his legs and kicking it back onto his stick to eventually make a pass.

The crowd showed their appreciation for the skill on display.

Meanwhile in the Red Hawks' defensive end, goaltender Ian Sachs made the net look extra small for the Flames players; he stopped everything that came his way and the Red Hawks had a 4-0 after two periods.

During the second intermission there was at least one discussion between on-lookers as to whether the boys would tire after two strong periods of physical play. That debate was answered early in the third when the boys continued to run up the scoreboard and bash bodies into the boards.

Townsend scored the Red Hawks' fifth goal while Miscio scored number six and eight. In between Miscio's goals, Watson walked into the Flames' zone and ripped a shot into the top right corner with the skilled of a marksman. Tallman would finish things off with a wrist shot the goalie couldn't quite pinch.

The boys look good for the latter part of the season and play two more away games before playoffs begin on February 22.



Matt James/TIMES

Red Hawks defenseman Steve Miscio had a lot to smile about on Monday night. He scored a hat trick in the 9-0 blast past the Campbellford Flames.



Josh Townsend charges the net. He had two goals and two assists in the game.

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Dangerous road conditions hinder cycling

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition keeps on rolling towards a better future for cyclists.

The coalition and Barrie Marr of Marr Consulting Services have been holding open house information sessions in the four corners of the county for input into the coalition's proposed cycling master plan.

In October 2007 U-Links, a community-based student research project through Trent University, undertook a preliminary survey of 145 people. It found that the top four reasons for cycling in Haliburton County are fitness, recreation, social/family, and environment. Conversely, the top four barriers to cycling in the county are time, traffic, routes and climate. It was noted that top attribute for cycling in Haliburton County was the scenery, which received 77 per cent of the votes.

Coalition member Dick Charron touched on the importance of this latter statistic.

"Cycling in Haliburton County has potential to be so much more of a tourist attraction," said Charron at the open house in Stanhope. "And we should be trying to promote it as such."

The survey asked people to identify the main detractors



Burt Kennedy of Algonquin Highlands, left, dropped by the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall and spoke with Dick Charron of the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition to give his input into cycling in the Haliburton Highlands.

and problem areas regarding cycling in the county. Twelve per cent said that cycling the roads in Haliburton County is dangerous and that there aren't enough trails; 22 per cent of the polled noted the lack of paved shoulders; and 20 per cent blamed traffic as the reason they don't cycle the county's roads more often.

"A lot of the paved shoulders are inconsistent," said Charron.

Of how to improve cycling around the county, 30 per cent said they wanted to see more trails and paths while 40 per cent said that bike lanes and better shoulders were needed.

The cycling coalition is pleased to report that a section of County Road 21 is set to be redone this summer and work will include paved shoulders, likely from Wigamog Road to Peninsula Road.

Finally, 46 per cent of people surveyed answered "very important" when asked how they felt in regard to improving

cycling conditions and opportunities a budget priority.

The coalition want to see a more active county, with people on bikes as active commuters.

It also wants to improved cycling skills, safer roads, more bicycle-friendly businesses, and eventually more signage for cyclists.

From the master plan the desired outcomes are of course to implement what cyclists are asking for: a variety of route options that will accommodate all cycling skill levels and purposes, safety through adequate and consistently wide paved shoulders and to utilize the beauty of the county and attract more visitors.

If you've missed out on previous open houses there is only one more to go. Participate in the survey and add a route at the Pritchard House in Minden on Thursday, February 14.

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Stories of travel and adventure

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Pamela Rolfe - President

Mabel Deacon was the hostess for the January 16 meeting of the Minden W. I.

The roll call was "My furthest journey from home" and some interesting stories went along with that topic: Australia and New Zealand, Russia, Belgium and France, Holland and the British Isles. Most of the members had traveled quite a bit in Canada and the United States, too.

Fifteen members and two guests were present to enjoy Lynn Higgs-Thompson from the VON give a talk on the activities and work of the organization.

They deal with nursing issues and family issues in the home and give help to young and old alike.

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They also run foot-care clinics and there is one in Minden and one in Haliburton, once a month, which several of the members attend.

Reports were read from the secretary, the treasurer and the card convener.

The president read a card from Rita, who is in not-so-sunny Florida at the moment.

A tasty lunch was served by Mabel and Irma, along with tea and coffee and was enjoyed by all.

The February meeting will be held at home of Mary Cox on February 20. Please call Mary at 286-1158 or Clara Tomkinson at 268-3992 for information.

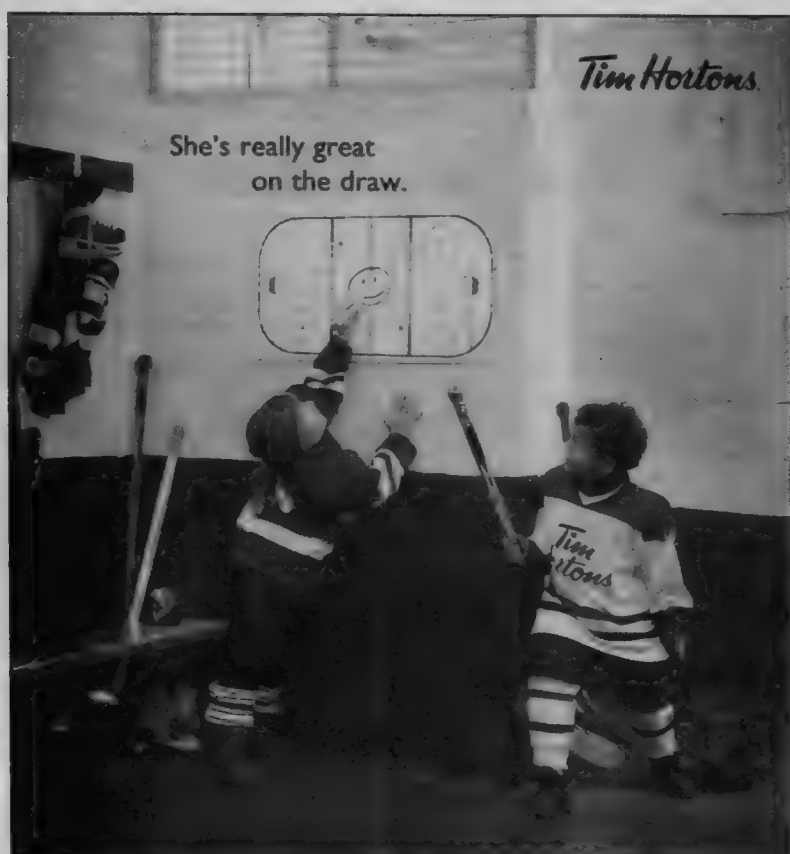
On December 12, 13 members and 13 guests attended our annual Christmas potluck lunch at the United Church.

The roll call was "A Christmas Greeting" to wish everybody a happy Christmas.

As usual a very good variety of lunch dishes, which everybody enjoyed, were served.

We played games and worked on quizzes, read stories and told jokes and Lorna, one of our guests, read a very unusual Christmas story, she also played the piano for carols.

The weather was not very cooperative that day and some members and guests were unable to make the journey to join us, but those that did were very happy that they came.



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This weekend Dorset rolls out the biggest Snowball yet

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

It's often considered the county's biggest winter event but this coming weekend you can judge for yourself when the 18th annual Dorset Snowball winter carnival rolls into town with fun-filled events and entertainment for all ages.

Last week the Dorset Recreation Committee met to "fill in the gaps" for this year's carnival, which is shaping up to be one of the biggest and best to date.

Jim Jones told the *Times* that organizers are expecting a record turnout \ due to the fact that the following Monday is the first-ever Family Day holiday in Ontario.

"We're definitely gearing up for more people," he said. "Since Monday is a holiday that just makes it more attractive for cottagers to come up and join in the fun."

In anticipation of the larger crowds, the committee has ordered an extra 400 snowball buttons to be made, bringing the total to a record-setting 2,000. (In order to participate in events patrons must first buy a \$3 snowball button).

Amongst the top attractions are broom-ball games, horse drawn wagon rides, tethered hot air balloon rides, snowshoe races, outdoor skating and hockey, live music, and a parade to "get the ball rolling" at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning. The parade will be followed by an opening ceremony on the Dorset Rec Centre at 11:30 a.m.

One of the things that has made Snowball such a successful community event all these years, said Jones, is that it has a "little something for everyone."

"There's obviously tons of stuff for the kids but there's lots for the adults too, like the Wye Marsh Birds of Prey Show, or the chainsaw carving. Just wait until you see that - 25 grown men standing around with drool running down their chin thinking 'I wish I could do that,'" he said.

Young ones will also be delighted by the addition of Jungle Jack Extreme Balloons to this year's bill, while audiences of all ages will appreciate acts such as wildlife caller Steve Morrin, comedian and juggler Dan Cole, and a performance by eclectic musicians "Junkyard Jam."

There will be plenty of events offered both indoors and outdoors, so if the weather is cold ("Usually it's only mind-numbingly cold," joked Jones) spend some time warming up in the Dorset Rec Centre, where there will be a pancake breakfast, chili lunch, silent auction, minnow races, fur trader display, and a stone carving workshop all at your beck and call.

Melissa Alfano said that this year's committee has worked long and hard but in the end all that hard work pays off when Snowball - one of Dorset's claims to fame - gives locals a reason to smile in the middle of winter. "It's just great to see the people enjoying it," she said. "In the end, that's really what it's all about."



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Dorset's town crier will letting people know of all the fun things to do this Friday night and Saturday at the popular Snowball festivities.

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The following is a look at the event schedule for the 2008 Dorset Snowball on Saturday, February 16. Please note this is not a complete list of events, but a snapshot of this year's highlights. For the full schedule and more information visit www.dorsetsnowball.com.

- Dorset Volunteer Fire Fighters All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. Adult - \$6 plus a Snowball Button, Children 6-12-\$4 plus a button, Children Under 6 - Free. Upstairs in the Rec Centre from 8:30 to 11 am.
- Library open 10am to 3pm. Crafts for kids.
- Silent Auction upstairs in the gym 11am to 3pm.
- Dorset Heritage Museum 50.50 Draw, calendars, postcards & cookbooks in the Rec Centre 11am to 3pm.
- Jungle Jack Extreme Balloons downstairs in the Rec Centre, 11am to 3pm.
- Snowball Café - Tea, Coffee, Sweets & Bake Sale provided by Knox United and St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church, downstairs in the Rec Centre. 11am to 3pm.
- Chili Lunch with a dinner roll to eat in or take home, provided by the Dorset Lifeliners. Individual serving \$5

(vegetarian chili will be available.) Downstairs in the Rec Centre 11am to 3pm.

- Stone Carving Workshop. Files, polishing papers and stone will be available to try. Downstairs from 12 to 3pm.
- Minnow Races - downstairs from 12 to 3. Great prizes!
- 18th Century Fur Trader Display, downstairs in the Rec Centre from 12 to 3, provided by Mike Buss
- Face Painting in the Rec Centre from 12 to 3pm

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Free skating at the rink until noon.
- Maple Syrup Display by the diamond, provided by the Emes Family. Free maple taffy.
- 11am - Snowball Parade
- 11:30am - Parade ends in front of the Rec Centre where Official Opening Ceremonies with our Snowball Town Crier and local dignitaries will take place.
- 12 to 1 Broomball Game for Kids. At the rink. Teams of 6 (at least 1 girl). Helmets required.
- 12 to 3 Mini Snowmobile Rides at the ball diamond.

Organizers: Andy McEachern & Bill Johnson.

• 12 to 3 Andrews Oxen on Main Street. Dorset Heritage Museum open today from 10am to 4pm.

• 12 to 3 Remax Balloon tethered rides, behind the LCBO, weather permitting.

• 12 to 4 Horse Drawn Wagon Rides down Main Street.

• 1 to 2 Snow Snake Games provided by the Macdonald Family. Try your luck at this ancient activity traditional to our area. No experience required! A prize for everyone who gives it a try! At the ball diamond.

• 1 to 2:30 - Drumming & Rhythm Circle with Barry (Bazza) Hayward, in the rink shack

• 2:30 Hockey Shoot Out at the rink. Helmets required.

• 3:00 Kids vs. Adults Shinny Game at the rink, everyone welcome. Helmets required.

• 8pm Hockey Night in Dorset at the rink. Come out and cheer for your favorite team! Helmets required.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

• 11 to 3 - Jungle Jack Extreme Balloons in the Rec Centre

• 11:30 and 1:15 - Wildlife Caller by the ball diamond

• 12 and 2 - Dan Cole comedian and juggler, Rec Centre

• 12:30 and 2 - Junkyard Symphony: Junkyard Jam by the diamond

• 1 - Wye Marsh Birds of Prey Show in the Rec Centre.

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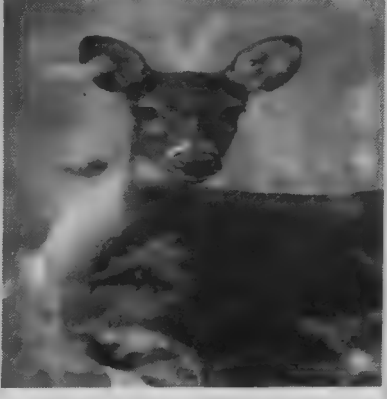
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Talk about one-upmanship. Here I am telling readers that the old farmhouse will achieve century home status in 2008 and Bruce now holds bragging rights to an historic abbey.

As the chairman of the Fleury Family Board he was surfing the Wikipedia [free encyclopedia] website for possible new background information and up came Fleury Abbey located on the banks of the Loire River about 35 kilometres southeast of Orleans, France.

Founded about the year 640 it was one of the richest and most celebrated monasteries of Western Europe. By the mid 9th century, Abbey Fleury housed a school for young nobleman recommended by Charlemagne and a library attracting scholars from abroad.

Of the abbey's buildings only the Basilica survives today. More research will certainly follow but, at this point, our sons David and Graeme should be grateful that the names of founder Abbot Leodebaldus and Bishop Theodulphus were not already household words for consideration at the time of their arrivals.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library will not be holding their regular monthly book sale this Saturday (third Saturday of each month) as the Kinmount Library is part of the City of Kawartha Lakes Library System and closed during the current labour dispute.

Ongoing activities at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount include a ladies' dart league on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (488-3174), a mixed dart league on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (488-1843) and a youth dart league on Sundays at noon for ages 8 to 18 years (488-2483). Friday evenings doors open at 6 p.m. for bingo starting at 6:45 while the drop-in shuffleboard league goes into action on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. with a blind draw for partners. Everyone is welcome to come out and try their hand at shuffleboard, a fun game.

Please remember that the Legion banquet hall is available for private rentals and the Ladies Auxiliary can assist with all your catering needs (705-887-3411).

The Kinmount and Area Artisans' Guild will hold its annual general meeting for 2007 on Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m. upstairs in the Kinmount Community Centre. All members are encouraged to attend.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

February 5 euchre at Gelert: High score holders were Donna Black and Gerald Hicks while Isabelle Saunders and Gala Stamp had the evening's lows. Helen Burke won for low hands with Harold Harvie taking the draw.

February 5 bid euchre at Minden Legion: First for the ladies was Elva Paisley at 234 then Georgina Parkes second at 227 and Marcy Morgan 207 third.

Leading the gents was Phyllis Windsor at 270 with Jesse Barlow next at 238 and Kevin Maloney third at 227.

Moonshots went to Marcy Morgan, Bev Johnson and Jean Scadden while Sharron Atkinson, Pat Roussel, Elva Paisley and Jesse Barlow were the draw winners.

February 5 Stanhope Firehall seniors' mixed shuffleboard: Pearl Cowen reports that George Hamilton and Connie Sawyer were tops at 279 then Sandy Poulton teamed with Jim Meadows at 267.

In third spot was the duo of Colleen Davison and John Fortune at 266 while Flo Roussel and mystery Marg had the afternoon's low of 37.

February 5 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two slams, one by Dorothy Strype and Reet Murray, and the other by Kelly Metcalf partnered with Jack Cox.

Leading the high scores was Reet Murray at 5,120 followed by Dorothy Strype 4880, Ross Fletcher 4,860 and Kelly Metcalf 4,420.

Muriel McIntosh won the lucky draw, Linda Cherry the shiny penny and Reet Murray the D.H. for her double header in baseball terms.

(Speaking of baseball, apparently the the Toronto Blue Jays are reporting next week for spring training down in Florida - can warmer weather really be that far away?)

February 6 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots went to Chris Clarke, Trudy Kroes and our reporter Gala Stamp. For the white cards Tom Pearson and Len Kroes tied for first at 259 with Dave Switzer 217 second and Leroy Mowat 215 third.

Trudy Kroes took top spot for the pinks at 280 with Dorene Elstone next at 273 and a tie between Gala Stamp and Marj Hamilton for third place at 259.

*February 6 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method the results were very close with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford first at 56 per cent then Lois Emmerson and Ev Morgan 55 per cent and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Joan Davies at 54 per cent.

February 7 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone-hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Shirley Milne with Pat Roussel and John Mallon recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Gwen Cox and Hazel Dorman while Flo

Roussel, Syd Adamson, Shirley Milne, Bob Pollard and Maria Tschida took home the other prizes. Thanks to May Bradbury for this report.

February 8 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Gala Stamp won for high hands, Kevin Maloney for lone hands, Ron Morrison for low hands and Pat Bailey for the special prize.

February 8 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell system first were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies at 57 per cent followed closely by Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher at 56 per cent.

In a tie for third place at 55 per cent was Harold Cox partnered with Bruce Armstrong and the duo of Elva Robinson and Ev Morgan.

February 8 bid euchre at Club 35: After two weeks of cancellations due to poor weather and driving conditions there was a good turnout on hand for a special evening. Moonshots went to Garth Windsor and Leroy Mowat with Leroy also winning for the hidden score along with Colleen Davison.

Topping the pinks at 272 was Clara Miscio then our reporter Mary Pearson 245 and Pat Morrison 244 while Dick Coffey led the whites at 287 with Tom Pearson 273 second and Tom Morrison 240 third.

February 9 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Tom Grix and Kevin Maloney had single moonshots with Marcel Roussel taking two. High for the pinks was Margaret Fletcher at 284 with Eileen Shepstone 214 second and Verna McDonald 213 third. Leading the white cards at 331 was Marcel Roussel followed by Bev Johnson 272 and June Branning 228.

February 11 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone-hand holders were Karen Chapman and Kevin Maloney with Gwen Cox and Lorna Hicks recording the high scores.

The afternoon's low went to Kay Godden, the draw winners were Lois Adamson and Lorna Hicks and the Valentine special prizes were claimed by Jeanne Keliele and Marion Stickwood.

February 11 Kinmount seniors' bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio in order were Theresa Deak, Tom Grix and our reporter Pauline Franzen. Emily Harvie took the draw while moonshots struck Theresa Deak, Dorothy McElwain (2), Dana Briscoe (2), Phyllis Windsor and Frank Franzen. Special good wishes go out to Mildred St. Thomas from all her friends.

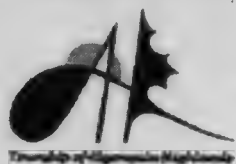
February 11 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Kevin Maloney for lone hands, Martha Harding for low hands and Carol Derbyshire for the special prize.

February 11 euchre at Club 35: Lone-hand honours went to Robert McIvor with the Kernohans, Pearl and Ivan, recording the ladies'/mens' high scores.

Tom Pearson was low man and Helen Windsor won both for low lady and the bologna. Thanks to Garth Windsor for his report.

February 11 cribbage at Minden Legion: First place went to Lorna Hicks with Ann Cundall second and our reporter Elva Paisley tied with Joe Rivers for third spot.

The draw winners were Syd Adamson, Karen Chapman, Lois Adamson and Gwen Cox.



Township of Algonquin Highlands

Pursuant to Section 251,
of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001,
as amended

NOTICE is hereby provided that
2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETINGS
will be held

Thursday, February 14, 2008
and
Friday, February 15, 2008
at 9:00 a.m. respectively.

The meetings will be held at the
Municipal Council Chambers,
1123 North Shore Rd.

Sheila Griffin, Treasurer
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd., RR # 2
Minden, ON
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Tel: (705) 489-2379
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Email: sgriffin@algonquinhighlands.ca

Notice of Public Information Session on Preliminary Exploration

Bancroft Uranium Inc. is pleased to announce that a public information session will be held to discuss the preliminary exploration program launched in July 2007 on the Monmouth Project, located in Highlands East (formerly Monmouth Township). The next phase of the preliminary work is scheduled to commence in late February, 2008 and extend for 60 to 90 days. Company personnel will present information on the proposed work and will be available to answer questions.

The proposed work consists of diamond drilling to determine if the prospect has economic viability.

The Public Information Session will be held **Friday, February 15, 2008** at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce **beginning at 6:00 PM** with an Open House followed by a presentation at 7:00 PM with a question and answer period following. The session will end at 9:00 PM.

If you require additional details regarding the project or the information session, please contact:

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#305 - 873 Beatty Street
Vancouver, BC V6B2M6
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Saturday's events put the fun in fundraising for fire victims

Saturday, February 16 at the Carnarvon Bowl is the place to be!

The fundraiser for Ian Coltman, a Stanhope firefighter who lost his small engine repair shop to fire last month, is organized and ready to go with many things planned for a day of fun.

It all starts Saturday morning at 10 with a pool tournament. Keep in mind that you don't have to be Minnesota Fats to compete in the tournament. Highland Leisure graciously donated a pool cue in its own travel kit for the first prize. The cost of this event is \$15 per person and pre-registration is requested.

Also at 10 a.m. is the kids party. Bowling, hot dogs, games, face painting, as well as a clown to entertain, all this for just \$6 per child. Did I mention there will be prizes?

At 8 p.m. the fun starts all over again! Dance to special picks by DJ Tom Williamson guaranteed to get you on the dance floor. Wear comfy shoes. Do you remember the old days of pointed toes, high heels or platforms. Thank goodness we can now express ourselves comfortably! That it's not just about looking cool!

Since this whole event is about showing support for Ian and not just about how much money can be raised, admission is by donation. So you give what you can afford.

There are some pretty cool things planned for the evening, high on my interest list is the minnow racing. It's the minnow's last claim to fame before they answer their other calling.

Sam and Tegan from Trails & Tours will be on hand to run the silent auction. There are loads of great items for them to go through and set up. Thanks to all the businesses out there, those that say yes, they are what make these events successful.

If you need more information about the fundraiser for Ian Coltman please call either John Tidey at 286-3593 or myself at 489-1397.

Speaking of Trails & Tours, they would like us to know that Ken Hoeverman, president of the Haliburton Trails & Tours Network, is thrilled to announce that they have revived their Workshop Series. The first workshop, "Snowshoe the Highlands with Us", will be at the Delta Pinestone Resort, February 23 from 10:30 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. It will be an exciting day of snowshoeing, a mouth-watering lunch and a picturesque guided snowshoe hike through the resort's trails with one of Haliburton's finest, Bert Kennedy, and a special guest naturalist Randy Moratz. Snowshoe rentals are available. Children are welcome but please no dogs!

Workshop Prices:

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and field naturalist members will benefit from Trails and Tours member pricing. What a deal!

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To register or for more information phone Trails & Tours at 705-489-4049, email them at info@trailsandtours.com or visit www.trailsandtours.com. Keep this information on hand so you can check their website for the next workshop.

This series will be held year round so if you would like to put on a workshop or have any suggestions for other workshops please call Tegan at info@trailsandtours.com.

Mark Christiano of the Hair Lounge fame would like you to know that he has only 12 tickets left for the Ian Tamblyn Concert on Sat. Feb. 23. Have you been waiting until the last moment? You're running out of time - you had better do it now before they are all gone!

Upcoming concerts at the Hair Lounge:

Saturday, March 29: Barry Canning

Saturday, April 26: Rick Fines

Also remember that there is an Open Stage every Friday night prior to the concerts.

Doors open at 7:00p.m., show time 8:00 p.m. Check out their website - www.thehairlounge.ca.

The Zion United Church is hosting a Valentine's Day roast beef dinner with all the trimmings on Wed., Feb. 13. Reserved seating for one sitting only at 6:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on this delicious spread!

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- **Feb 13:** Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting Wed. February 13, Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. (Please enter by the rear door.) Doors open at 6pm for business and chat, speaker at 7pm - HHGG Member Sharon Middlehurst on "The History of Quilts". Everyone welcome. No charge Refreshments available. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.
- **Feb 13:** Car Seat Safety Clinic, Wed. February 13, 10 am to 1 pm, Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment (Highway 35) in Minden. No appointments required. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details.
- **Feb. 13:** Skilled Trades Information Session for All Ages. Buckhorn Community Centre. 6:00pm-9:00pm. This is your opportunity to come and gather information and hear about the Skilled Trades opportunity.
- **Feb 14:** Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Thursday, February 14, 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (inside Sears Building) in Minden. Visit with a Family Health Nurse from the Health Unit to see how your baby is growing and developing. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
- **Feb 15:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm. Sponsored by Minden Kin Club
- **Feb 15:** Buckhorn Community Centre. All youth ages 9 to 15 are welcome to come out Friday, February 15th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Buckhorn Community Centre. Cost is \$4.00 at the front door and a free coat check will be available for all coats and backpacks. The snack bar will be open during the dance selling chips, pop and water for a \$1.00 each. Parents are asked to pick their children up promptly at 10 p.m. and no children will be allowed to leave unless a parent is there to pick them up. Next dates for Youth Dances are Friday March 28, 2008 and Friday May 2, 2008 at the Buckhorn Community Centre. For more information please contact Angel at 1-800-374-4009 ext. 303 and leave a message.
- **Feb 16:** There will be a "Pampered Chef" Fundraiser at the Coboconk Train Station Sat. Feb. 16/08 at 2:00 p.m. See some great cooking tools and enjoy FREE refreshments! 20% of all sales go towards the ongoing restoration of the Coboconk Train Station. For further information, contact Barb Curry at 454-1878
- **Feb 16 - 18:** WINTERFEST MINDEN - Minden Community Centre and Fairgrounds. February's finest family fun! Lots of activities for all ages
- **Feb 16:** Sweet Heart's Spaghetti Dinner - Burnt River Community Centre. 5:00-6:30pm. Adults \$10.00, Children \$6.00. Pre-school Free. Tickets available in advance. Wendy 454-8878, Diane 454-8447, MaryAnn 738-2563, Erick 887-3242. Sponsored by St. Luke's Anglican Church, Burnt River
- **Feb 17:** Attention Restaurants in Minden Hills: 1st ANNUAL CHILI COMPETITION at Winterfest Minden Sunday Feb 17, 5pm-7pm. Our local eateries are serving up their favourite Chili Recipe. Warm up by sampling Minden Hill's Best Chili. Proceeds go to the Minden Sesquicentennial Fund raising. To enter your restaurant call Rick Cox 286-1260 Ext. 220
- **Feb 24:** Winter Fun Day at YMCA Camp Wanakita - 2 pm - 5 pm - Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, low ropes, broomball, tobogganing and skating on the Lake Koshlong. All provided free for the community. All you can eat Hot Dogs, Chili, cookies and hot chocolate available for a nominal fee. For more information please contact: Charlene@hhchamber.on.ca or 705-286-1760 or 1-877-811-6111
- **Feb 24:** 5:30-9:00 pm. There is a community potluck and games night, all ages, for everyone interested. Please bring your favourite potluck dish and board games. For more information please call Amanda Austin or Max Ward at 286-3592
- **Feb 27:** "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th 12:30 1:30. Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served! This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware)
- **Mar 10-14:** March Break Club - West Guilford Baptist Church - 9:00am-11:30pm, ages 4-12. It's Free. To register call 754-0079
- **Mar 11:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm. Sponsored by Subway Development
- **Mar 12:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm. Sponsor is Modern Electric
- **Mar 13:** Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar 15:** Youth Saturday Art Club - continues March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14 from 9am to 2pm. Pre-registration required one week before each workshop by calling the gallery. A combination of art history and art creation this is an opportunity for youths to learn more about art and further develop their skills. \$30 per youth per workshop. Supplies included. Agnes Jamieson Gallery 286-3763
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton
- **Mar 20:** Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County. A new picture every day at HYPERLINK <http://jackbush.my-expressions.com/http://jackbush.my-expressions.com>
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765
- Adult Shiny Hockey - Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm, S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Full Equipment must be worn, 18 years of age and older. A great opportunity to participate in a game of "pick-up" hockey. Get a group together from work to create your own league. Cost of participation \$5.00 per person. For further information call 286-1936.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Every Monday, Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Climbing Club - Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 - 8 pm, children and parents climb together; Youth & Adults 8 pm - 9 pm. Fee: \$2. per person. Sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Call Donna at 457-5345, ext. 314 or email: donna@pointintime.ca
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+), Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of accessing help without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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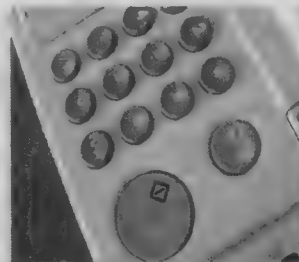
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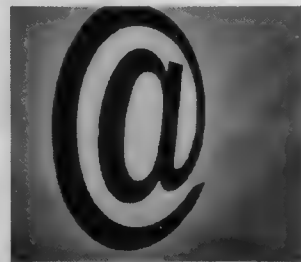
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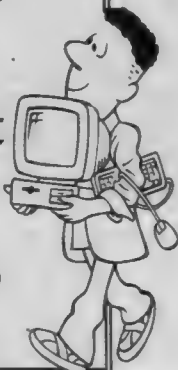
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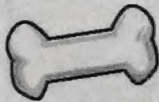
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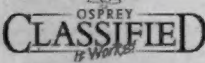
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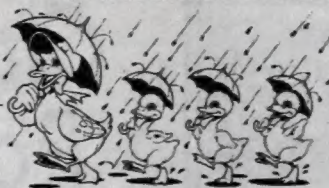
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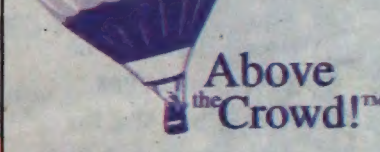
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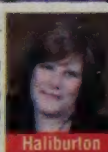
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WALK TO TOWN!

Three bdrm raised bungalow nestled in the town of Haliburton on approx. 2.5 acres! Partially fin'd bsmt w/rec rm & woodstove, att'd 1 car garage & sep detached garage/workshop. Call Marj & John.



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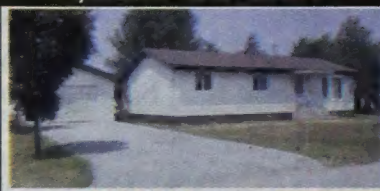
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TERRIFIC YEAR ROUND HOME/COTTAGE

...on Big Brother Lake with views and clean waterfront. Large main room, great eat-in kitchen & newer master bedroom addition. Large detached workshop with loft storage is insulated & heated. Numerous perennial gardens and loads of parking. Call Tom & Gail



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MINDEN

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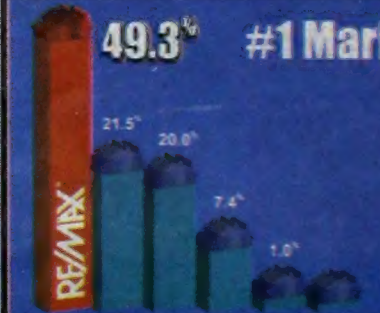
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